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CLASHES AMONG YOUTH IN AEGEAN AREA
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1. IZMIR PRESS REPORTED DURING LAST 2 DAYS THAT IZMIR
GOVERNOR TURGUT EGILMEZ AND LOCAL POLICE BEING CRITICIZED
BY VARIOUS LEFTIST AND RPP SOURCES FOR EGILMEZ' STATEMENTS
ALLEGEDLY "IN SUPPORT OF" ULKU OCAKLARI AND POLICE FAILURE
APPREHEND MURDERERS OF 2 IZMIR YOUTH (SEE REFTEL).
2. IZMIR RPP PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT EKREM BULGUN REPORTEDLY
ACCUSED EGILMEZ OF "CLOSING HIS EYES" AND NOT FORCING POLICE

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TO FIND MURDERERS. IZMIR RPP DEPUTY YUKSEL CAKMUR AT PRESS
CONFERENCE ASSERTED "A POLICE STATE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN
IZMIR AND THE HEAD OF THIS STATE IS GOV. TURGUT EGILMEZ".
CAKMUR HELD DEMIREL ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE CALLING HIM
"ENEMY OF ATATURK FOR MURDERING THE YOUTH TO WHOM TURKEY WAS
ENTRUSTED BY ATATURK."
3. VURAL ATEZ, IZMIR DISK REPRESENTATIVE REPORTEDLY ACCUSED
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"FRONTISTS" OF SUPPORTING "OFFENDERS" "THROUGH THEIR FAVORED
GOVERNORS". ATEZ ALSO EXPRESSED INCREDULITY THAT EGILMEZ
COULD "DARE TO SAY THAT THE ULKUCU YOUTH ARE INNOCENT".
4. MANISA GOVERNOR EROL YAVUZ ALSO CRITICIZED BY MANISA RPP
PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT ERDOGAN YETENC FOR NOT TAKING ACTION TO
ELIMINATE "PARTISAN ATTITUDE" OF MANISA POLICE. YETENC

REFERRED TO DEC. 27 INCIDENT ALLEGEDLY INVOLVING ATTACK BY
RIGHTIST GROUP ON 2 COFFEE HOUSES FREQUENTED BY LEFTISTS.
DEMOKRAT IZMIR (LOCAL LEFTIST DAILY) REPORTED RIGHTISTS USED
STONES, CLUBS AND KNIVES, WOUNDED 2 LEFTIST YOUTHS AND RIGHTISTS
TOOL SHELTER AT NANISA ULKU OCKLARI HEADQUARTERS. 5 RIGHTISTS
REPORTED TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. YETENC STATEMENT ASSERTED POLICE
SUPPORTED RIGHTIST ATTACKERS AND POLICE SHOUTED "BEAT THE

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COMMUNISTS" DURING INCIDENT.

5. NO SERIOUS INJURY REPORTED IN MANISA INCIDENT BUT ADDED
TO RECENT EVENTS IN OTHER NEARBY AREAS AND GROWING CRITICISM
OF GOVERNORS AND POLICE, INCIDENT LIKELY EXACERBATE GROWING
HOSTILITY BETWEEN LEFTIST AND RIGHTIST GROUPS.
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